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**LASER MODULE FOR OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR
STABILIZING AN OUTPUT WAVELENGTH OF A LASER MODULE**

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